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SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR U.S.S. TRUXTUN PORT VISIT TO WELLINGTON

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1. THE GONZ HAS TODAY DELIVERED TO EMBASSY FORMAL
APPROVAL OF U.S.S. TRUXTUN VISIT TO WELLINGTON AUGUST 27
TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1966. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO
THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 22 OF 4 MARCH 1976, REQUESTING
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR-
POWERED CRUISER USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35) TO MAKE AN
INFORMAL VISIT FROM 27 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER 1976
TO ANY SUITABLE PORT DESIGNATED BY THE NEW
ZEALAND GOVERNMENT.

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THE MINISTRY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT, IN TERMS OF THE "NEW ZEALAND CODE FOR NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPPING", ANNEX I PARAGRAPHS 1.2(B) AND 1.5(B)II, THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE VISIT OF THE USS TRUXTUN DURING THE PERIOD PROPOSED. THE PORT DESIGNATED FOR THE VISIT IS WELLINGTON.

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE IS ACCORDINGLY GRANTED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE VISIT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN THE "STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE OPERATION OF US NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS IN FOREIGN PORTS", THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 93-513 OF 6 DECEMBER 1974 AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE "NEW ZEALAND CODE FOR NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPPING".

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: MFA NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR WITH GONZ "SECRET" CLASSIFICATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CLASSIFICATION REFLECTS PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S DETERMINATION TO KEEP PLACE AND TIMING OF NPW VISIT SECRET UNTIL LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND ANTI-NPW DEMONSTRATIONS. WE HAVE ADVISED MFA THAT USG WILL MAKE NO RPT. NO ANNOUNCEMENT OR COMMENT REGARDING TRUXTUN VISIT UNTIL GONZ HAS DONE SO.
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